GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4341
ANSWERED ON:24.08.2005
PROTECTIVE WORKS IN COAL MINES
Singh Shri Chandra Bhushan

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government had asked the coal companies to chalk out a programme for solving the resettlement and rehabilitation problems on a priority basis;

(b) if so, the details, thereof;

(c) whether sand stowing and protective works in coalfield areas of many coal companies are yet to be done;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether less than 40 per cent funds allocated for the protective works during the first three years of the Tenth Plan have been utilised by the coal companies;

(f) whether the Government had directed the coal companies to implement all the schemes approved by the Committee constituted for the purpose in a time-bound manner; and

(g) if so, the steps taken by the coal companies in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO)

(a) & (b): Resettlement and rehabilitation of project affected people is a continuous process in which rehabilitation of displaced families is done in phases in accordance with Resettlement and Rehabilitation (R&R) Policy of Coal India Limited.

(c) & (d): Sand stowing associated with coal extraction is a continuous ongoing process and is taken up alongwith coal production from depillaring districts. Protective works are taken up mainly for conservation of coal coupled with safety in coal mines. Before the beginning of a financial year, each coal company prepares and submits the proposals for protective work to Coal Conservation and Development Advisory Committee(CCDAC) for approval and assistance. Initially 100% expenditure is to be incurred by the coal companies and after actual job is done reimbursement as per guidelines is made to the coal companies. However, the yearly achievements made by different coal companies are less in some cases as compared to what were proposed due to fund constraints and administrative reasons..

(e): No, Sir. The budgetary allocation is made for `Stowing and Protective Works and R & D` under the head Assistance to Coal and Lignite Companies in the form of subsidies. The allocation of funds during the first three years of the Tenth Plan and actual reimbursement under this head is as follows:

Year	Allocation of funds (Rs.crores)	Actual reimbursement (Rs.crores)
2002-03	66.05	66.05
2003-04	64.00	64.00
2004-05	100.03	100.03

(f) & (g): CCDAC is constituted under Coal Mines (Conservation & Development) Rules, 1975 and approves only finned up schemes for protective works which are to be completed within a definite time frame. The programme approved by the CCDAC and actual work undertaken by the coal companies for the last three years are as under:

Year	Programme approved by CCDAC(Rs)	Actual works undertaken by the Coal Companies.(Rs)	% Achievement w.r.t. approved programme
2002-03	99,858,371	82,547,981	82.67

2003-04 62,879,408 50,869,230 80.90

2004-05 114,164,540 94,547,895 82.82